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Sexual Assault of a Child

Case: 08-2190221

Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Time: 3:00 a.m.

Location: 4700 block of Duval Road

Narrative:

On Wednesday, August 6, 2008, Austin Police Department Officers were dispatched to a sexual assault of a child call at the 4700 block of Duval Road.

A half-sibling of the victim became suspicious about some inappropriate activities between the 16-year-old victim and her 65-year-old grandfather. Child Abuse detectives learned that the victim and the suspect had been engaged in a sexual relationship since the victim was 14 years of age. Both the victim and the suspect were in Austin when the police were notified.

The suspect:

John Staten, White male, (D. O. B. 09-28-1942),

admitted to the improper relationship with the victim. He was arrested and charged with Sexual Assault of a Child, a 2nd degree felony. Bond was set at \$20,000.

The improper activities also occurred in other jurisdictions and those cases have been referred to Chambers County Sheriff's Office and the Hutto Police Department in Williamson County.

This case remains under investigation by Child Abuse Unit detectives. If anyone has any information regarding this incident please call Child Abuse Unit detectives at 512-974-6880.



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Media Advisory: A booking photo of the suspect is attached. The Public Information Office will provide an interview at 3 p.m. today at APD Headquarters.

